

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 19, 1899

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Cashier American National Bank,

Deadwood, South Dakota.

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In reply you are respectfully informed that it sometimes occurs in the rolling of strips from which blanks of the coin are cut, blisters or air-bubbles form and this destroys the sonority of a coin struck from a blank cut from a strip of this character, while the coin is genuine. The flaw you speak of finding on the rim of the coin is due to blisters or air-bubbles.

Hereafter when any coins of this kind come within your observation, I will thank you to note the Mint mark and advise this Bureau, if you will forward by registered mail any coin of this character will be redeemed.

Respectfully yours,

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